THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G.ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO: 19769 of 2006

Dated: 16-10-2006

Between:

Jagadish Goud

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Prohibition and Excise Superintendent,
Mahboobnagar District and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G.ROHINI

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O R D E R:

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the order of the first respondent, dated 25-07-2005, is arbitrary and illegal.

The impugned order, dated 25-07-2005, was passed by the first respondent in exercise of powers conferred under Section 31(1) of the A.P. Excise Act, 1968 thereby suspending the licence of the toddy shop bearing No.52 of the petitioner pending enquiry in the public interest on the alleged ground that the petitioner had intentionally involved in adulteration of toddy with Chloral Hydrate, which is injurious to public health.

Learned Government Pleader under instructions stated that though enquiry has already been initiated, no final order as such have been passed so far.

Having regard to the fact that the licence was suspended on an allegation that the petitioner had indulged in sale of adulterated toddy, though I am not inclined to interfere with the order impugned, having regard to the fact that the enquiry is pending for the past more than an year, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondents to complete the enquiry initiated against the petitioner following due process of law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

G. ROHINI, J

Dated: 16-10-2006
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